

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, U.S. Representative Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) announced the winner of the 2012 “An Artistic Discovery” Congressional art competition that Coffman holds in the 6th Congressional District every year. This year, the competition had over 43 entries from all over the 6th Congressional District of Colorado with high school artists submitting everything from water color to photography, oil paintings and charcoal drawings.

“I’m so impressed with the art work submitted by these young artists and I’m very proud of their teachers who have inspired them,” said Coffman.

The first place winner was Anna Gibson, a senior at Columbine High School, who submitted a batik painting submission entitled “Tangerine Twilight.” Gibson’s artwork will be displayed for one year as part of a national exhibit in the U.S. Capitol honoring high school artists from around the country. Gibson will also receive a scholarship to Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia and two airline tickets to Washington D.C. from Southwest Airlines to attend the 31st Annual Congressional Art Competition Awards ceremony held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

“It will be great to walk by Anna Gibson’s art work every day that I’m in our nation’s capitol and I look forward to next year’s competition,” said Coffman.

The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide contest that provides an opportunity for Members of Congress to showcase the artistic talents of the high school students in their districts. Since it was launched in 1982, more than 690,000 young artists have participated in the program nationally.

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